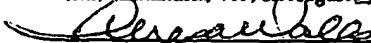




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In the application of:

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Serial No.: US 10/025399

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For: CERIA-BASED SOLID OXIDE FUEL CELLS

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AND AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED MARCH 6, 2003

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AND AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is an amendment in a RCE Application. This is in response to the Office Action, mailed March 6, 2003. Enclosed is a petition and fee for a three-month extension of time. Please amend the application as follows.